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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL REQUEST FROM MAJ. GEN. PHAT FOR EXECUTIVE LEVEL TRAINING OF HIS SUPERIOR AND COMMISSIONER, IN-CHARGE, BUREAU OF EDUCATION, THAI NATIONAL POLICE, LT. GEN. SALANG.

2. MAJ. GEN. PHAT STRONGLY BELIEVES SUCH TRAINING IS NEEDED TO ASSURE ATTENTION AND PRIORITY TO NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM. MISSION AGREES WITH GEN. PHAT AND IN VIEW OF PROGRESS BEING MADE IN NARCOTICS TRAINING AREA BELIEVE CONTINUED PROGRESS WILL RESULT FROM SUCH EXECUTIVE LEVEL TRAINING OF LT. GEN. SALANG.

3. MISSION BELIEVES MAJ. GEN. PHAT SHOULD ACCOMPANY LT. GEN. SALANG, SINCE MAJ. GEN. PHAT IS AND WILL BE THE 'PRIME MOVER' WITHIN EDUCATION BUREAU INsofar AS NARCOTICS TRAINING IS CONCERNED AND HE WOULD MOST BENEFIT FROM THE TRAINING BY BEING ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH THE COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES OBSERVED WHILE STILL FRESH AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE UPGRADING OF HIS OWN BACKGROUND IN NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.

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4. OBJECTIVE OF TRAINING SHOULD BE EXPOSURE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF NARCOTIC TRAINING GIVEN POLICE OFFICER RECRUITS, INVESTIGATORS AND INSTRUCTORS AT LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL WITH VISITS TO LARGE AND MEDIUM SIZE LOCAL POLICE ORGANIZATIONS, STATE NARCOTIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND DEA.

5. IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE IF TRAINING COULD TAKE PLACE IN JUNE OR JULY 1978.

6. IT IS DESIRED THAT THE ESCORT REQUIREMENT BE FILLED BY S/NM, POSSIBLY UTILIZING MAJOR MCBEE WHO IS KNOWN TO MAJ. GEN. PHAT, ALTHOUGH MISSION WILL RELEASE PETER TOMAINI, TRAINING ADVISOR, OF NECESSARY.

7. MISSION WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ASSISTANT PROJECT OFFICER, SAMNAO POLPANICH, LOCAL DIRECT-HIRE EMPLOYEE, ACCOMPANY THE TWO PARTICIPANTS TO ALLOW UP-GRADING OF HIS BACKGROUND IN NARCOTICS FIELD.

8. UPON COMPLETION OF EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD LIKE SAMNAO TO REMAIN IN U.S. AND BE EXPOSED TO TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN US, NIDA OPERATIONS, DEA PROGRAMS, CUSTOMS DOG OPERATIONS AS WELL AS TRAINING PROGRAM, AND CUSTOMS HELICOPTER/AIR OPERATIONS.

9. THE REQUESTED EXECUTIVE LEVEL TRAINING OF COMMISSIONER SALANG AND MAJ. GEN. PHAT, AS WELL AS, SAMNAO POLPANICH WERE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED WITH GIBSON DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

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